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MS. SHOLLENBERGER: My name is Amy Shollenberger and I'd just like to say one more thing. I almost hate to go behind this powerful testimony, but I feel it's really necessary to say that the last thing the moderator said before he left was he thanked us all for cooperating so that we wouldn't have to have another hearing here in Las Vegas.

And I would just like to point out that the way that the citizens of Las Vegas cooperated with the DOE so that they wouldn't have another hearing is that they gave up and they went home because they had children at home, they had husbands at home, they had wives at home, they have jobs to go to in the morning, perhaps they have jobs to go to tonight. Some of us had flights to catch. So we cooperated because we had no choice, because there was no time for everyone to speak, to speak as long as they wanted to say what they wanted to say.

And I'm not sure, but I'm guessing that we're violating NEPA by having a representative from DOE moderate the last part of this meeting. I think you have to have a neutral facilitator at all of these meetings, so I would say that's reason enough to have another hearing here in Las Vegas. And I think also that it's interesting that the DOE extended the comment period for the siting guidelines comments till February 28th. I have requested that the DOE extend the comment period for the DEIS, which is a much longer document. I submitted that letter to the DOE. I mailed it on December 21st. I have not gotten a response.

A reporter here told me she asked Miss Dixon who left whether they were going to extend the comment deadline and the answer was no. No, because they don't want to hear what your comments are. They don't want to hold another hearing. They don't want to give you more time. I'm going to encourage each and everyone of you let the DOE know that you're not satisfied. Thank you.